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OPC Panel: Putin and the New Russia

On March 26, Russia's acting President Vladimir Putin, Boris Yeltsin's designated heir and clear front runner, will be democratically elected President of Russia for a five-year term, barring some extraordinary circumstance.

The OPC has asked a group of experts to discuss Putin as they know him, his ideology, his goals for Russia and the role his country will play in the world. That discussion will be held Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 pm in Club Quarters, 40 West 45 Street in Manhattan.

Among the panelists will be OPC member Andrew Rosenthal, foreign editor of *The New York Times*; Robert Legvold, professor of political science at the Harriman Institute at Columbia University and author of numerous books and papers on the Soviet Union and Russia, and David Satter, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and the Jamestown Foundation, visiting scholar at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and author of a forthcoming book on Russia, "The Age of Delirium: the Decline and Fall of the Soviet Union" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1996).

The OPC also has asked Grigory Yavlinsky of the Yabloko Party, the candidate in the Russian election best known to the West, for a ten-minute tape presenting briefly his own liberal, open

market and democratic program, as well as his view of the actual situation and his opponent's plans for Russia. The tape is scheduled to be played before the panel discussion, which has been organized and will be moderated by Jackie Albert-Simon, OPC vice president. A question period will follow and there will be a reception before the panel discussion.

(Note: Putin pledges free press support. Have his actions matched his words? Story on Page 2.)

Formally democratic, the election's outcome is not considered in doubt, although there are several other candidates, each with a strongly ideological position, but no apparent popular base to produce voting percentages in double digits. It has been generally accepted that Yeltsin's early resignation at the start of 2000 and his unchallenged elevation of Putin from Prime Minister to acting President, was an acceptable form of

lese-majesty: acknowledgment that what was needed was the "law and order" authoritarian style Putin represented.

His single-minded and hardline offensive in Chechnya, with no regard for opinions from the international community, encouraged and confirmed to the Russian people that Russia was on the rise from its own ashes, and that the appalling economic state and its lawless community might be brought under control as Russia regains its status in the world under the direction of a strong,

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New members with a Life magazine connection (l-r): Anne Hollister, Ed Hamilton and John Dominis.

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Putin Voices Support of Free Press But Does He Back His Words with Action?

by **Norman A. Schorr**

Freedom of the Press Committee

True, Russia's Acting President Vladimir V. Putin has not been on the job very long.

Not long enough to install the attitudes, policies and practices to insure that his administration enforces his commitment to a free press.

According to a report by Michael Wines in the February 20 *New York Times*, Mr. Putin "advertises himself as a democrat. He says that a free press is an essential deterrent to tyranny..."

In the past two months, however, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee has protested several cases in Russia in which journalists—principally in Chechnya—were killed, disappeared mysteriously or were treated roughly.

While covering the flight of a convoy of refugees from Grozny to Nazran, Ingushetia, two TV journalists were attacked and killed by Russian armed forces. They were Ramzan Mezhidov, freelance cameraman for Moscow-based TV Tsentr, and Shamel Yegayev, a cameraman for Nokh Cho, an independent TV station in Grozny.

A Russian bomber is said to have fired several rockets at the refugee convoy. Mezhidov and Yegayev bravely left their vehicles to videotape the carnage and were fatally wounded.

Two other journalists, correspondent Dmitry Balburov of Moskovskiy Novosti and freelance photographer Brice Fleutiaux of France, have been missing since early October. Balburov was last heard from on October 4 when he called his editors from Nazran, on his way to the Chechen border. Fleutiaux was reported kidnapped by the Chechens; a videotape on the subject was broadcast October 31 on the Russian Channel NTV. The Russian Security Service was reported to have information on what happened to Fleutiaux.

The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee also appealed to Moscow on behalf of Andrei Babitsky, a reporter for the Moscow-based Radio Liberty, who reportedly was "traded" by Russian armed forces in early October for two (or by other accounts, four) Russian prisoners of war.

Eyewitnesses in Gudermes, a city in Chechnya, claimed to have seen Babitsky with members of a pro-Russian Chechen militia. They reported that Babitsky's face was swollen and bruised, and his clothes were bloody. According to Radio Liberty, Babitsky was last seen in Gudermes, then under Russian control.

Both Oleg Mironov, Russia's human rights commissioner, and Anatoly Chubais, a leader of Russia's Democratic party, have called the Babitsky trade "a

crude violation of human rights."

In late February Babitsky was arrested again, in the Russian republic of Dagestan.

As a democrat, Mr. Putin would be very disturbed by the February 14 *Newsweek International* article on the Babitsky disappearance titled, "Truth is a Casualty in Grozny." The article's sub-head continues in that vein: "As the city finally falls, the mysterious disappearance of a reporter raises alarms about the future of free speech in Russia."

The full-page article tells how the Russian authorities hated Babitsky's "guts" for telling the "world of Russia's setbacks, contradicting the official Kremlin line. In other words, truth-telling."

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nationalist President.

The questions: What do we know of Putin and what are his goals? Who are the men around him? How will rising nationalism affect Russia and the West? Will the US position on altering the ABM treaty raise more than hackles with Putin? What is the actual intent of the recent statement of national security principles—strengthened role of the army, call for a multipolar world and frequent use of the word "threat"?

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Inside a Chinese Wedding: Where the Sedans Are Chairs

OPC member Fritz Hoffmann, 40, married Tianran Wang, 28, last October 10 in her hometown on the Shandong coastline of the Bohai (Bo Sea) near Penglai in China. The couple also had a marriage ceremony in Hoffmann's hometown of Seattle.

It rained in Seattle. It rained in Shandong. But there the comparison ends. Hoffmann, a photographer with the London picture agency Network Photographers based in Shanghai, describes how weddings are done down on the Shandong coastline:

by Fritz Hoffmann

The Chinese wedding was really an experience. Much more than I had expected. Two sisters and a friend came from America. We had 11 friends on a flight from Shanghai to Tianran's home on the sea in Shandong.

The town was bringing in the jelly fish catch and the roads were awash in salt water. It was raining that day. Tianran and I rode in two traditional covered sedan chairs carried by a troupe of wedding performers through the streets. The procession was led by six fishermen in rain slickers blowing a wedding tune on five foot long trumpets.

The whole town filled the streets. I had to sing in Chinese and make a speech to the crowd. They seemed to enjoy the spectacle of a local girl marrying a big nose (Chinese slang for a Westerner).

We had 33 tables spread out through



Fritz Hoffmann carrying Tianran up the stairs to the local government building in the place called Wang Village, in Shandong province PR China. They were followed by a crowd of local people, family and friends.

neighboring homes for a seafood dinner. Local television filmed the event and put five minutes of film on the nightly news. It was quite an event!

We were carried in the sedan chairs about a quarter mile through the village to the town hall because of the rain. We stopped there and I had to carry Tianran out of the chair up the steps of the hall. Standing there with her family and my friends and relatives, we looked out at the crowd that had gathered in the pouring rain. Must have been a couple of hundred people.

The master of ceremonies began reading off some commandments that must be kept as man and wife. With each one Tianran and I had to toast with a shot of Bai Jiou (a strong liquor made of sorghum). When I saw them bring that bottle out I figured it was time to loosen up a little. Sipping the first shot I

realized that it wasn't full strength after all. Tianran's mom had watered it down for me. The crowd didn't know it though and they were expecting a show so I played along through ten shots of the stuff. Good thing it was cut with water. At the end of the toasting the master of ceremonies said go out as man and wife and obey the one child policy.

Tianran and I had to sing a traditional Chinese wedding song to entertain the crowd. We hadn't had a rehearsal so I was winging it. It was really a great party! I don't think I have ever had a similar feeling of excitement as I had bouncing along in that sedan chair carried by four men dressed in traditional Chinese garb being led by those guys in rain slickers blowing the trumpets and all the people peering inside to see the "big nose" and then reacting with words like, "It really is a foreigner."

Special Saint Patrick's Day Menu Friday, March 17 at Club Quarters

Come and celebrate the Emerald Isle with Irish specialties such as Lamb Stew, Chicken and Leek Pie, Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Soda Bread. Compliment your lunch or dinner with a drop of brew or Irish Whiskey which will be half-price all day. Slainte! Restaurant reservations: (212) 626-9310.

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The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has announced deadlines for the Fulbright Scholar Program's annual competition for lecturing and research grants in some 130 countries. About 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing.

Deadlines are:

- May 1 for Fulbright distinguished chairs awards in Europe, Canada and Russia.
- August 1 for Fulbright lecturing

and research grants worldwide.

• November 1 for summer German studies seminar and spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea and Japan for international education and academic administrators.

For information contact CIES at 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5L, Washington DC 20008-3009. Telephone: (202) 686-7877. Information and applications are also available on the Web at www.cies.org

European Federation of Press Clubs

A Guide to Where You're Welcome

Last spring the Overseas Press Club of America and the European Federation of Press Clubs entered into a reciprocity agreement. Listed below are all the clubs currently in the European Federation. The OPC already had reciprocity with some of the major European press clubs and those are marked with an asterisk.

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PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia: The annual reunion of the Stars & Stripes Association will be held Aug. 25-27 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria's Historic District with visits to the National Press Club in Washington and Newseum in Alexandria. Co-hosts are **Peter Sweers**, editor in chief of *Pacific Stars & Stripes* in Tokyo, 1967-1969, and **Bill McNamara**, a World War II staffer on the U.S. military newspaper. Meanwhile, *Stars & Stripes* has completed consolidation of its European and Pacific editions, moving the editing desks of both dailies to Washington from Germany and Japan.

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland: In the January issue of *Proceedings*, published by the independent U.S. Naval Institute, OPC member **Elias P. Demetracopoulos** recalls his 1961 interview with Admiral Arleigh Burke that got the then chief of U.S. naval operations in trouble with President John F. Kennedy's administration. Demetracopoulos interviewed Burke on Jan. 12, 1961, for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) and the Greek daily newspapers *Macedonia*, *Ethnos* and *The Athens Daily Post*. In the interview Burke warned that



Elias P. Demetracopoulos

the Soviet Union would lose in a nuclear confrontation with the United States, stated the right of the U.S. Navy to sail in the Black Sea and said the United States could use atomic weapons to open the Dardanelles if the Soviets used nuclear weapons to close that waterway. Eight days after the interview, Kennedy was inaugurated president. "One of its [Kennedy administration's] first acts was to ban all public statements by military officials who had not received clearance from the administration, which hoped to put relations with the Soviet Union on a better footing," Demetracopoulos, 71, writes in his *Proceedings* article. At a news conference on the day the Burke interview was published, Kennedy said he was informed that the interview was given

before he took office. But, the Greek journalist writes, White House press secretary **Pierre Salinger** "summoned the CIA the day after the Kennedy news conference for help in getting to the bottom of the Burke interview issue....For his part, Admiral Burke, until his death in early 1996, was convinced that President Kennedy tried to destroy him in order to teach the U. S. military a lesson." Demetracopoulos says his interview led the CIA to investigate him and doused the admiral's political ambitions. The Naval Institute, publishers of *Proceedings*, is a private research and publishing organization for U.S. Navy, Marine and Coast Guard professionals and others interested in sea services.

BARODA, India: Unmesh Kher, a *Time* magazine science reporter based in New York City, and **Hemalee J. Patel**, a Brooklyn, N.Y., law firm partner, were married by a Hindu priest in Baroda's Milan Kunj Club Jan. 18. In New York, Kher also is a director of the South Asian Journalists Association. In addition to her law practice, the bride is a director of Sakhi for South Asian Women, an organization in New York City that works to end violence against women.

HONG KONG: A media library in Karachi and a university program in Hong Kong have been established in memory of **Vicky Zeitlin**, who was killed in an automobile accident near Washington, D.C., in November 1998. She was the wife of **Arnold Zeitlin**, director of the Freedom Forum Asian Center in Hong Kong. In January, Zeitlin reported that U.S.\$20,000 have been donated to establish the Vicky Zeitlin Memorial News Media Library at the Pakistan Press Foundation in Karachi. Vicky was organizing the library a few months before she was killed. Late last year, the library was dedicated at a ceremony attended by her father, the Rev. Sak Po, 81, a Christian missionary in Hong Kong; her daughters, Szekei, an IT systems consultant in Rosslyn, Virginia, and Rebecca, an alternate health practitioner in Hong Kong; and Arnold, a former AP correspondent in Asia and later UPI's Asia-Pacific general manager before joining Freedom Forum. Zeitlin

donated U.S.\$25,000 to Hong Kong University to establish the Vicky Shek Zeitlin Fund to benefit the university's new Media Studies Center and its master's in journalism program.

Phil Revzin, vice president of the Dow Jones International Group, is relocating to Hong Kong from New York. While retaining his vice presidency, Revzin will join management in two Dow Jones enterprises: publisher and editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, a weekly magazine, and board member of CNBC Asia, a TV network. Revzin will continue to oversee the daily *Asian Wall Street Journal*. "He will also represent Dow Jones in existing and future partnerships in Asia, and assure effective coordination of print and electronic components of the *Journal* franchise there as we seek to grow both," **Karen Elliott House**, president of Dow Jones International, said in January.

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia: Juliette Rossant, a former *Bulletin* editor and *Forbes* reporter, has left the magazine and moved to Saudi Arabia to be with her husband. She will be reporting for *Forbes* and other publications on a freelance basis. She said she'd love to hear from OPC members "especially to give me work."

She can be reached at: juliette.rossant@usa.net—Tel: (966-2) 682-9195/6 ext. 229. Fax: (966-2) 256-6462. For those who still use stamps, her address is Juliette Rossant, c/o David Chambers, Financial Transaction House, P.O. Box 12187, Jeddah, 21473 Saudi Arabia.

LONDON: OPC member **Bill McClure**, a London-based producer for CBS News—"60 Minutes," has produced a video on modern art for CBS News Productions that he calls "a forward step in the frustrating task of arts journalism—a move from 'back of the book' to cyberspace!" Now being shown on European television, the video stars artist **Fernando Botero** and was written by **John Baxter**, who writes Hollywood biographies, and narrated by actor and pop star **David Soul**. "We profile the artist's flight from terror-



Bill McClure

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David Soul

ism in Colombia, his expatriate painting in Manhattan and Paris, his sculpturing in Monaco and Tuscany," McClure told the *Bulletin*. "Critics have called the documentary a 'refreshing new style in reporting on art.'"



John Baxter

PIERRE FERROS



Ananova

It was bound to come—a computer-generated newscaster. **Ananova**, Britain's newly-created virtual news anchor, will start broadcasting from a Web site in April for the interactive-services division of the Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency. **Mark Hird**, director of the Press Association's new media, told *The New York Times* a colleague suggested that the Press Association "was sort of faceless, so we decided to create a virtual face, a virtual star. And there are a lot of technophobes around who don't necessarily like to get their information from a database grid but from a human voice and face." With blue-green hair to distinguish her from real-live blonde and brunette broadcasters, Ananova will report on www.ananova.com

Peter Job, a former Reuters manager in Asia and now its chief executive officer, plans to retire next year, touching off speculation on his successor. **Alan Cowell** of *The New York Times* reported that **John Parcell**, 53, chief executive of Reuters Information, the division that supplies terminals to financial institutions, resigned in January after 30 years with the company because he "apparently concluded that he was no



Peter Job

longer under consideration as a potential successor to Peter Job."

"The British press stays true to its tradition of being the best and worst in the world," says **Derek Jameson**, former editor of the *Daily Express*, *Daily Star* and *News of the World*. Delivering the second Hugh Cudlipp Lecture at our reciprocal London Press Club late last year, Jameson came down hard on newspapers: "The press has become self-obsessed and flabby. Today's ruling philosophy is fat newspapers with a high cover price and fat advertising revenue. The profession is generally held in contempt by almost everyone outside the industry. With a few

worthy exceptions, much of what we read is marshmallow pap: loads of jumped-up pop stars with a limited shelf life, lots of likely stories from telly persons desperate for publicity, nobodies posing as somebody. Presumably the manic cavortings of this brigade are covered in depth to irritate old age pensioners like myself, since even today's editors must know that the young no longer read newspapers....The time has come for a newspaper revolution to restore the mass appeal that came in waves through much of this century. The new millennium must find something new, exciting and different."



Derek Jameson

Bob Hagerty is the new London bureau chief for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Wall Street Journal Europe*. He moves to London from Atlanta, where he was *The Journal's* deputy bureau chief.

Leo Zanelli, secretary of the London Press Club, reports that the Club, "for reasons beyond our control," will move sometime after February from Freedom Forum in Stanhope House to a new location probably near Fleet Street.

In a long article in its Winter issue, *Press2000*, journal of the London Press Club, calls **Edgar Wallace** (1875-1932) the club's most famous chairman. Wallace covered the Boer War for Reuters and London's *Daily Mail*; became the first editor of Johannesburg's *Rand Daily Mail*; returned to London, where he worked for a number of newspapers; wrote several novels and plays;

was Press Club chairman 1923-1926; and died in Hollywood in 1932 just after writing the story for the movie "King Kong." He lay in state in a Los Angeles chapel wearing his favorite suit and his Press Club tie. When the ship carrying his body back to England reached Southampton, "The bells of Fleet Street tolled and Wyndham's was dark," *Press2000* wrote. A plaque at Lundgate Circus remembers him in these words: "He knew wealth & poverty, yet had walked with kings & kept his bearing. Of his talents he gave lavishly to authorship—but to Fleet Street he gave his love."



Edgar Wallace

LOS ANGELES: OPC member **Jim Colligan** reports that **Sam Jameson**, a former *Los Angeles Times* correspondent in Tokyo, where he still lives, is scheduled to lecture at the University of California, Los Angeles, for several months this year. "He hopes it will give him time away from Tokyo commitments to make more progress in a writing project," Colligan told the *Bulletin*. "I warned him of the dangers of LA distractions." After 25 years with *The LA Times* in Japan, Jameson accepted a buyout in 1996 so as to remain in Asia rather than accept a transfer to the Caribbean. He was president of our reciprocal Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, 1973-1974.

OPC member **David Horowitz** is the new national spokesman for Hands Off the Internet, an organization that supports market forces rather than government regulations in pricing Internet services. "New cable technologies will bring consumers a real choice that can lower their monthly phone bills, improve cable TV service and provide a connection to the Internet that is 50 times faster," Horowitz said in a statement. "However, local phone monopolies have joined with AOL, wanting government to step in to protect their turf and keep your prices high."

MOSCOW: **Andrei M. Babitsky**, 35, a Russian who has been working as a correspondent for the U.S.-funded Radio Liberty since 1989, was detained by Russian authorities on Jan. 16 while leav-

ing the rebel-controlled section of Grozny. A Russian Interior Ministry spokesman said Babitsky had been detained because he had spent time with the rebels and was not accredited by the Russian military to cover the war. On Feb. 3, Russia said the reporter was released from jail and turned over to Chechen rebels in exchange for Russian soldiers held by the rebels. But several days later, **Celestine Bohlen** of *The New York Times* reported that Babitsky's wife, friends and colleagues had heard nothing from him. In late February he was arrested again, this time in the Russian republic of Dagestan. In a *Washington Post* dispatch, **Sharon LaFraniere** wrote that Babitsky "had a reputation for fearless, even rash actions. One of the few journalists to report from behind Chechen lines, he provided first-hand accounts of the fighting in the separatist region, but some considered his reports biased toward the rebels." **Michael R. Gordon** of *The Times* reported that, to enter Chechnya, Russia requires correspondents to obtain official accreditation or join government-arranged trips. Gordon quoted **Yevgeny Kirichenko**, a military correspondent for NTV, Russia's only independent television network: "The main preoccupation of the military press service is not to organize press coverage of the war, but to limit journalists' access." (Related story on page 2.)

NEW YORK: The OPC Foundation's January scholarship lunch was reported to newspapers throughout the United States by **Andy Rooney**, the curmudgeon of CBS News—"60 Minutes." For one of his nationally-syndicated columns in February, Rooney wrote a capsule summary of the speech he gave at the Foundation's Jan. 24 lunch (text in February's *Bulletin*), summing up in his column: "We've got to find a way to provide ourselves with good, independent television news coverage not influenced by money."

International reports won five of the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards for broadcast journalism that were announced earlier this year. **Bill Moyers** and Public Affairs Television won the gold baton, duPont's highest award, for a two-hour PBS documentary on efforts by South Africans to heal wounds left by apartheid. **Diane Sawyer** and "20/20," an ABC News program, won a silver baton for a report on neglect

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and abuse of handicapped children in Russian orphanages. **Bob Simon** and CBS News—"60 Minutes" won a silver baton for reports on the massacre of 8,000 Muslims by Serbs during the war in Bosnia. PBS won a silver baton for its story on the slaughter of 800,000 Tutsi by their Hutu enemies in Rwanda. Youth Radio, Berkeley, California, won an honor for broadcasting e-mail exchanges between a school girl in Kosovo and a California high school student that documented the girl's struggles to stay alive in a deteriorating situation.

Two British journalists were appointed to top editorial jobs at the *New York Post* earlier this year. **Xana Antunes**, 35, who started her reporting career in London, was named editor of the newspaper, and **Vicky Ward**, 30, a former gossip columnist in London, became editor of the *Post's* new news features department. Antunes joined the *Post* in 1995 as deputy business editor, became business editor a year later, was named deputy editor of the paper in 1998 and acting editor last year. Born in Portugal and raised in Scotland and England, Antunes started her career in 1987 as a



Xana Antunes



Vicky Ward

business reporter for *The Independent* in London. She also worked as an on-air business reporter for Britain's Channel 4, and business editor and later Wall Street bureau chief for the London *Evening Standard*. Two women now are running New York City dailies. **Debby Krenek** has been editor in chief of the *Daily News* since 1997.

In London, Ward was a gossip columnist on *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *London Evening Standard*, *Today* and *The Independent*. She became U.S. correspondent for London's *Daily Mail* in 1997 and joined the *Post* a year ago as deputy living editor. Also, the *Post* promoted **Jon Elsen**, 40, to business editor from deputy business editor. Earlier he was an editor at the new media group of *The New York Times* and a reporter at *The Record* of Hackensack, New Jersey, and *The Hartford Courant* in Connecticut.



Jon Elsen

"Foreign Correspondents in Indochina," a directory prepared by the OPC 14 years ago, was updated in February by adding the names of 56 men and women correspondents from the United States, Japan, Australia and Europe who were killed, executed or died from non-hostile causes in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, 1965-1975. The roll call of the dead was compiled by **Ken Englade**, a UPI Vietnam War correspondent, from the

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Journalists Memorial Online Database. Other sources for correspondents who survived the war and those who died in Indochina include **William Prochnau's** book "Once Upon a Distant War [New York: Times Books/Random House 1995], and an article in last December's *Vanity Fair* by AP's **Richard Pyle**, who returned to Vietnam for the 1998 search for the bodies of combat photographers **Larry Burrows**, **Henri Huet**, **Kent Potter** and **Keisaburo Shimamoto**. They died when their helicopter was shot down in 1971 over the Ho Chi Minh trail. The list includes a sentence or two on how each journalist died. So far as the *Bulletin* knows, "Foreign Correspondents in Indochina," although incomplete, is the only published listing of reporters, photographers and television crews who covered conflicts in Vietnam and neighboring nations. Originally compiled for the OPC's 1986 reunion of Vietnam War correspondents and updated over the years, the directory contains some 500 names, about 10 percent of the reporters and photographers who covered Indochina conflicts, according to an estimate by **Malcolm Browne**, winner of a 1964 Pulitzer Prize for his AP reporting from Vietnam and now a *New York Times* science writer. The Indochina directory may be obtained by writing **Al Kaff**, 393 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06430, with a check for \$10 to cover cost of printing, binding and shipping.

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"A fresh start, lots to say." That was the headline on **A. M. (Abe) Rosenthal's** first column in the *New York Daily News* Feb. 11. After 55 years with *The New York Times*, Rosenthal, 77, moved into the editorial offices of the racier *Daily News* to write a weekly op-ed column (February *Bulletin*). Rosenthal opened his



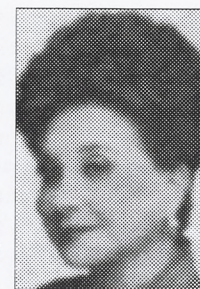
Abe Rosenthal first column with these words: "Once I decide what my next column will be about, I don't like to talk about it until it is printed. Words just grow better in my head than in my mouth." But he broke his pledge and discussed his first *Daily News* column with a friend who suggested, "For once tell readers what directs you as a columnist." Rosenthal did, writing that he

was guided by words from Rabbi Hillel the Elder 2,100 years ago: "If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? If I am only for myself, than what am I? If not now, when?" Rosenthal then put Hillel's sentences into his own words: "Stand up for yourself, or the world will yawn at your funeral. If you don't stand up for others, you don't even know who or even what you are, except a deserter of anybody needing help, including yourself. Quick—there won't be a better time." Rosenthal then wrote his laundry list of what the United States should shout about: Saddam Hussein is rebuilding his "forbidden arsenals," China is helping Saddam while persecuting Christians, Sudan's government is slaughtering and enslaving millions while the United States sends food relief to that government, Austria's new government includes a politician "with an irrepressible urge for making pro-Nazi comments" and Syria denies the Holocaust while America "dangles billions before Hafez Assad, the killer who runs Syria...[if he accepts] Israel's weird pleas that he take back the Golan Heights."

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OPC member **Fred Ferguson** reports that the Downhold Club, the no-dues, no-officers, no-bylaws organization of former workers at United Press, United Press International and Acme Newspictures, is planning an international reunion to be held in New York City in November. Named for repeated messages from the head office to "downhold expenses," the club's only rule states that members remain in good standing by "not having demanded a new pencil since the last meeting." Meanwhile, **Richard M. Harnett** tells the *Bulletin* that Downholders in the California area plan to meet at a Sept. 9 reunion in California's wine country at Sonoma, where the late **Frank Bartholomew**, a UPI past president, built a \$3 million villa at his vineyard. Harnett and **Billy Ferguson** (no relation of Fred) hope to complete their history of the wire service this year, and they are looking for a publisher.

PARADISE ISLAND, The Bahamas: From the East Indies to the West Indies. In the 1960s, **Cindy Adams** reported from Indonesia, formerly the Dutch East Indies, and collected material for her 1965 biography of Sukarno, Indonesia's first president.

Now a *New York Post* gossip columnist, Adams recently visited the Bahamas in the West Indies and found a restaurant, the Five Twins, that serves a global mix of cuisine: Japanese, Thai, Indonesian, Bohemian and American.



Cindy Adams

PRAGUE: **Jeremy Druker**, winner of the OPC Foundation's 1997 Reuters Scholarship, now is director and editor in chief of *Transitions Online*, an Internet publication in Prague. Then a Columbia University student, Drucker won his scholarship with an essay on challenges facing Central European nations, writing in part: "The situation demands a new kind of journalism—one which combines the best of the fields of history, political science, economics and, of course, journalism itself." Last summer Drucker married **Alice Zakova**, a native of Southern Bohemia.

QUM, Iran: After Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Mesbah Yazdi, a senior hard-line cleric, was portrayed in a newspaper cartoon as a crocodile, about 4,000 clerics demonstrated, calling for the execution of Culture Minister **Ataollah Mohajerani**. Chanting "Death to Mohajerani," the clerics said his ministry's relaxed stance toward the news media enabled the cartoon to be published. In Muslim cultures, crocodiles are associated with treachery, *The New York Times* said.

SEOUL: To mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, South Korea's Information Service is inviting correspondents who covered that conflict to a program in Seoul, June 22-28, that will include a seminar on the war and interviews with Korean news media. **He Bong Kim**, press officer in the South Korean embassy in Washington, D.C., said invitations are being sent to correspondents in seven nations, but "our budget only allows for us to extend a very limited number of all-expense paid offers." Other correspondents will be provided on-ground transportation to and from events in Seoul, Kim said. As many as 110 U.S. reporters who covered the Korean War may still be living. Korean War correspondents told the *Bulletin* that

15 of them received all-expense-paid invitations including OPC member **John Rich, Joe Fromm, Irving Levine, Bill Shinn, Robert Miller** and **Max Desfor**. Photographer Desfor was one of seven Korean War correspondents who won Pulitzer Prizes for Korean War coverage, and he is the only one still living. For June program details, contact Kim by telephone (202) 939-5684.

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia: **Kristina Shevory**, 24, who won the 1998 OPC Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Reuters, now is writing for *Business Week* and the Dow Jones business wire in addition to her main job, managing editor of the *St. Petersburg Times*. "So you could say that my coming to Russia has really been quite beneficial to my career," she reported in a letter to the *Bulletin's* "People" column. Veteran expatriates told Shevory "that the most dramatic changes in St. Petersburg has been the proliferation of commercial enterprises throughout the city. Nevsky Prospect, the main city street, is not chock-full of stores where you can buy anything from Communist literature to the latest Italian fashions. I believe Dostoyevsky once said that Nevsky is the one street in St. Petersburg where you can best see all the different strata of Russian society meeting in one place."

WASHINGTON: **James Rubin**, the U.S. State Department spokesman, plans to resign this spring and move to London where his wife, **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN's chief international correspondent, is based. Their first child, a boy, is due soon. Rubin explained: "A lot of people who leave government say they're going to spend more time with their family. Usually that's a mask for something else. In this case, it's really true." Succeeding Rubin will be **Richard Boucher**, a career diplomat.

IN MEMORY

Clifton Daniel, 87, a former managing editor of *The New York Times* who won an OPC award for his reporting from the Soviet Union, died Feb. 21 in his New York City home of complications from a stroke and heart disease. In 1954-1955, Daniel was *The Times* correspondent in Moscow, where he filed the dispatches that received OPC honors. After working on newspapers in North Carolina, where he was born, Daniel joined the AP in 1937 and worked in its New

York, Washington, Bern and London bureaus. *The Times* hired him in 1944 in London. He covered the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force and the First Army's advance into Belgium and Germany. After World War



Clifton Daniel

II, Daniel became *The Times* chief correspondent in the Middle East. Back in New York he filled several editorial posts until his tour as managing editor, 1964-1969. Later he moderated radio programs for *The Times* radio station and then returned to the news staff as Washington bureau chief before retiring in 1977 at age 65. Daniel is survived by his wife, **Margaret Truman**, the only child of President and Mrs. Harry Truman, and a best-selling mystery author.

Gladys Uhl Katcher, 90, a former reporter in Mexico who also wrote about Spain and was a Philippine government press officer, died Feb. 11 in her Chevy Chase, Maryland, home of lung cancer. After working for *Time* in New York in the late 1930s, she served as press secretary for Pulitzer Prize winner **Carlos P. Romulo**, a representative of the exiled Philippine Commonwealth government in Washington during Japan's World War II occupation of the Philippines. In the late 1940s, she was a reporter for the *Mexico City Herald*. She and her husband, the late **Alex Uhl**, went to Spain in 1976 to write a book about the Spanish Civil War, which he had covered for AP. Between writing assignments, Katcher held public relations jobs in the U.S. government and Congress. Romulo, who died in 1985 after serving as Philippine ambassador to the United States and president of the U.N. general assembly, was editor of the *Philippines Herald* in 1941 when he made a 20,000-mile trip around Asia and the Pacific. In a series of articles distributed by King Features Syndicate, Romulo warned that Japan would unleash new aggression in the Pacific and the United States would be drawn into war. A little more than a month after his last article was published, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. Those articles won Romulo a Pulitzer Prize in journalism, the first awarded to an Asian.

Even when he was a newspaper editor and executive, **Lee Hills**, 93, who died Feb. 3 in Miami, never lost his passion for reporting. Joining what is now the Knight Ridder newspaper group in 1942, Hills served briefly as a World War II correspondent for *The Miami Herald* while he was the newspaper's managing editor, reporting from the Far East, Middle East and Latin America. In 1946, he received the Maria Moors Cabot Gold Medal for his contribution to Inter-American relations. Hills directed *The Herald's* 1950 coverage of mob bosses living in the Miami area, a series that won the paper its first Pulitzer Prize. When he was president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in 1962, he toured the Soviet Union with 12 editors and got nationwide attention in the United States by reporting an interview with Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev. When he was editor of *The Detroit Free Press*, Hills won a 1956 Pulitzer for his reports on labor negotiations between the United Automobile Workers and automakers. In 1974, the Knight Newspapers and Ridder Publications merged, and Hills became the group's first chairman and chief executive. He retired in 1981. "Most of all, according to journalists who knew him, Mr. Hills saw probing, objective journalism as a calling and a public service," **Felicity Barringer** wrote in *The New York Times*. A *Times* sub-head described Hills: "A knack for editing but a passion for reporting."



Lee Hills

For more than 40 years, **Art Hoppe** entertained readers of *The San Francisco Chronicle* with his syndicated column of political and social satire, sometimes turning to foreign correspondence. He traveled to Europe to explain to readers the foreign policy of Lichtenstein and Monaco. At the peak of the space race, he went to the African nation of Zambia and wrote that astronauts were being trained by being rolled downhill in barrels. Hoppe, 74, died Feb. 1 in a San Francisco hospital of complications from lung cancer.

A U.S. Army sergeant in World War II, **George McTurnan Kahin** learned to

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speak Indonesian and Dutch while being trained to parachute into the Japanese-occupied Dutch East Indies. He was one of 60 GIs selected for the mission. But the Allied powers decided to bypass the



George Kahin

East Indies, and the operation was called off. Later, during the peak of Indonesia's post-war struggle for independence from the Dutch, Kahin finally made it to the East Indies. He lived there from 1948-1949 as a graduate researcher and freelance journalist until the Dutch arrested and expelled him for his political activities. Over the years, Kahin became an academic expert on Vietnam and Indonesia. A professor of government and international studies at Cornell University since 1951, he was author of several books on Indonesia and Vietnam. He wrote book reviews and Op-Ed articles for *The New York Times*, and several of his students including UPI's **Ted Stannard** went on to reporting careers in Indonesia. Indonesia's government did not always agree with Kahin's writings. But in 1991 in Jakarta, where he found his name on an old list of banned aliens, Kahin received Indonesia's *Bintang Jasa Pratama* (Medal of Merit, First Class) from Foreign Minister Ali Alatas for pioneering Indonesian studies in the United States. During the Vietnam War, Kahin was a prominent critic of Washington's Vietnam policy. In the book "The United States in Vietnam," Kahin and his Cornell colleague **John W. Lewis** wrote: "Vietnam is a single nation, not two....South Vietnam constitutes an artificial creation whose existence depends on the sustained application of American power." Kahin, who lived in Ithaca, New York, died Jan. 29 in a Rochester, New York, hospital at age 82.

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Stanley A. Frankel, 80, a magazine and corporate executive, and an OPC member since 1953, died of complications from a cerebral aneurysm Nov. 12 in a New York City hospital. He lived in Scarsdale, N. Y. Serving in World War II with the 37th U.S. Infantry Division in the Pacific, Frankel took part in the liberation of Manila during which about

2,000 American prisoners of war were freed. After the war, he was a vice president of *Esquire*, *Coronet* and *McCall's* magazines and assistant publisher of *McCall's*. Later he spent 27 years as vice president of Ogden Corporation, an industrial conglomerate. He also wrote speeches for several Democratic presidential candidates including Adlai E. Stevenson, Robert F. Kennedy, Hubert H. Humphrey, George McGovern and Walter F. Mondale. Frankel won a 1962 Peabody Award as executive producer of the network television series "Adlai Stevenson Reports." During recent years and up to the time of his death, he was an adjunct professor of business and society at Baruch College of City University of New York and Pace University.

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John B. Rogers, Jr., who worked on the *European Stars & Stripes* in Germany, 1952-1959, and later for three newspapers in the United States, died of cancer Nov. 21 in Tucson, Arizona. After Germany, Rogers worked on the copy desk at *The Houston Post* for two years, then moved to *The Denver Post*, where he advanced to managing editor, and later supervised the copy desk at *The Arizona Daily Star* in Tucson for three years. "On the day he was diagnosed with cancer he did the logical thing and went out to play golf....[and shot] his first and only hole-in-one!" **Wally Beene** wrote in the *Stars and Stripes Association News*.

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Jean Shepherd, an OPC member during his many working years in New York, was among those whom *The New York Times* celebrated in "The Lives They Lived," its annual review of noteworthy lives that ended last year. WOR, where Jean worked, was around the corner from the OPC clubhouse on 40th street, and he was a regular, OPC member **George E. Burns** wrote to the *Bulletin* in February. George continued: To New Yorkers, Jean was best known for his nightly 45-minute late-night radio monologue on WOR from 1956-1977, where he coined the term "night people." Working from newspaper clippings and current events, he improvised a wildly imaginative and humorous commentary. *The Times* described him as "one of the tiny handful of radio geniuses ever to exist." Nationally, literary fans kept him on *The Times* best seller list for his books. When "Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden

Memories and Other Disasters" had been on *The Times* non-fiction best seller list several weeks, Jean called an editor, thanked him warmly, but pointed out that the book was fiction, not non-fiction. The editor insisted that he had read it, and it obviously was about Jean's childhood playmates—exaggerated, of course. No, Jean pleaded, Flick and Farkas never existed, he invented them in his imagination. "Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn were not Mark Twain's childhood playmates," he explained. The editor was indignant, and the book disappeared from the list. Jean also wrote frequently for *Playboy* magazine, which engaged authentic literary folks to balance its image. He failed to change the magazine's image, but won the Playboy Humor/Satire Award for an unprecedented four years. One New Year's eve he did the TV coverage of dropping the ball at Times Square, working atop the marquee of the Paramount Theater, sharing a split screen with Guy Lombardo. He invited me to join him and said "watch this." He told the TV crew, turn on the lights. Instantly the sea of humanity below was illuminated, looking up towards us, screaming and waving their arms. "Now you know how Mussolini felt," Jean said. Jean dropped out of public sight after retiring to Florida. Well, almost. His movie "A Christmas Story," which he wrote and narrated, still runs on television every holiday season. Jean died in October in Florida, aged 78.

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Scott Barkley, the only TV cameraman on the scene in 1983 when a U.S. military barracks in Beirut was bombed, died last Oct. 26 of complications from a brain tumor. He then was working for NBC News. Later with WLW-TV in Cincinnati, Barkley won four regional Emmy Awards, a 1983 Archdiocesan Medal from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and a 1994 media award from the Greater Cincinnati Coalition of Domestic Violence. He started his career in the 1960s as a U.S. Air Force writer and photographer for *Stars & Stripes*.

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Ben Blackman, 83, city editor of *Pacific Stars & Stripes* in Tokyo 1951-1952, died Oct. 27 from complications of a fall. After retiring from the U.S. Air Force in the rank of warrant officer, he worked for three Florida newspapers: *The Ocala Star-Banner*, *The Tampa Tribune* and *The Orlando Sentinel*; and owned a printing company in Oldsmar, Florida.

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to negatively affect the United States down to the present day."

- Another book on the current Great Game in Central Asia comes from **Eric Margolis**, contributing foreign editor of the Toronto Sun Newspapers whose syndicated articles have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*. In "War at the Top of the World: The Struggle for Afghanistan, Kashmir, and Tibet" [Routledge], Margolis provides a first-hand account and an overview of the religious, ethnic, political, strategic and historical animosities that trouble South Central Asia today. The author witnessed the Afghan holy war against the Soviets, Indian-Pakistani skirmishes in Kashmir and atop the Siachen Glacier, and insurgencies in Punjab, Sri Lanka and Burma.

- Orde Wingate was a British general described as a brilliant strategist, passionate Zionist and a highly irregular military man who sometimes liked to shock his guests by receiving them while stark naked. British foreign correspondents **John Bierman** and **Colin Smith** tell Wingate's story in "Fire in the Night: Wingate of Burma, Ethiopia and Zion" [New York: Random House]. The authors, who are based in Cyprus, write: "Although born into his country's military caste and raised in its institutions, the General viewed war as an evil, albeit in this case, a very necessary one, analogous to a surgical operation in which violence must

be done to the body in order to save it. And although born into a fundamentalist Christian family and raised according to its precepts, the focus of the General's unswerving faith was not the gentle Redeemer dying on the cross for the sins of mankind but the stern Jehovah of the Israelites, demanding trust and exacting obedience....[World War II troops] knew him as a wildly unconventional commander and a hard-driving son of a bitch." Prime Minister Winston Churchill was so impressed by Wingate's military exploits that he impulsively included Wingate and his wife on a secret World War II mission



**John Bierman (right)
and Colin Smith**

to meet President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Quebec. In British-mandated Palestine, 1936-1938, Wingate set up irregular Special Night Squads to ambush "rebel" Arabs on their own ground. Posted in 1940 to Abyssinia (now Ethiopia), he was a key player in driving out the occupying Italians; and in 1941, while seated on a gray charger, he led Emperor Haile Selassie's re-entry into Addis Ababa. In 1942, Wingate was put in charge of guerrilla operations in Japanese-occupied Burma. He was killed in 1944 when, against his American pilot's judgment, he insisted on being flown to one of his jungle strongholds in a B-25. The plane crashed, killing all on board, including British war correspondents **Stuart Emeny** of the *News Chronicle* and **Stanley Wills** of the *Daily Herald*. Wingate was 41. Their bodies were recovered in 1947. Since their remains could not be separated and most of them were Americans, all were buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The book reports that burial of the British in the United States prompted "a furious controversy in the British press and Parliament and a letter of protest to Winston Churchill from the [Wingate] family."

- In spring 1942, *Washington Post* reporter **Samuel E. Stavisky** visited a U.S. Marine recruiting office to check out a rumor the Marines were organizing a new unit of gun-packing writers called the Combat Correspondents Corps. "Unable to see well without spectacles jammed to my nose, I hadn't even considered trying to enlist with the Marines," Stavisky writes in "Marine Combat Correspondent: World War II in the Pacific" [Ivy]. "What little I knew about the Marine Corps, from a rare movie or magazine, had made it obvious to me that the sharpshooting amphibious branch of the armed forces would have nothing to do with an applicant whose shooting skill was limited to shooting the breeze and whose killer instinct was limited to hammering the typewriter keys." But the Marines signed him up, and he saw action in some of the toughest battles of World War II.

- Reviewing **Anthony Loyd's** "My War Gone By, I Miss It So" [Atlantic Monthly], New York *Daily News* writer **Bill Bell** commented on what war reporters have seen in nearly every conflict starting with Vietnam: "Every battlefield reporter has seen the war tourists, guys almost always, whose dubious or nonexistent press cards buy them a chance to quell their hunger for the cocaine-

strength kick of the ultimate risk. Loyd was one, and Bosnia was his addiction." Estranged from his father in London, addicted to heroin, Loyd went to Sarajevo with little understanding of the conflict. He stayed for three years and landed a job with *The Times* of London to cover little wars in the Third World. Bell wrote: "The book is horrifyingly specific—cats fight over the brains of a sniper's victim, severed limbs are waved, kids grow up pointing out bodies."

- Writing in *The New York Times*, **John F. Burns**, a correspondent in China for Toronto's *Globe and Mail* in the early 1970s and for *The Times* in the 1980s, called **Philip Short's** "Mao: A Life" [New York: Henry Holt] "one of the most exhaustive studies of Mao's life ever attempted." Burns assessed Short's book in these words: "After seven years of research and writing, aided by the work of his wife, **Renquan**, on Chinese documents, he has combined much of what is best in journalism and scholarship; his book is full of colorful insights and the detail that years of hard grind in the archives yield." For 25 years, Short was a foreign correspondent for the BBC and *The Times* of London, including an assignment to China immediately after Chairman Mao Zedong's death in 1976. In his book, Short writes that Mao can not be compared with Hitler or Stalin, arguing that Mao did not plan the "physical extermination of all who stood in his way" like Stalin, nor "to extirpate in the gas chambers an entire racial group" like Hitler. The author contends that Mao was obsessed with remolding an entire people, writing: "Stalin cared about what his subjects did (or might do); Hitler about who they were. Mao cared about what they thought."

- **Humphrey Hawksley**, BBC's China bureau chief, and **Simon Holberton**, who has reported on Asia for *The Financial Times*, draw on current territorial disputes in the oil-rich South China Sea in their first novel, "Dragon Strike" [New York: St. Martin's]. Their story depicts a military conflict in 2005 between China and a U.S.-led coalition. Wang Feng, China's new leader, decides to attack Vietnamese, Malaysian and Philippine installations in the South China Sea to fortify his claim of sovereignty in the region, and the world is brought to the brink of nuclear war. The plot moves from the White House to the Spratly Islands, and from the House of Commons to Beijing's power sanctums.

New Books

• **Richard Z. Chesnoff** is one of the journalists who broke the story of Swiss bank accounts linked to the Holocaust. In "Pack of Thieves: How Hitler and Europe Plundered the Jews and Committed the Greatest Theft in History" [New York: Doubleday], Chesnoff writes that Germany was not alone in stealing bank accounts, art, gold and other wealth from Jews during World War II. Also guilty were occupied and neutral countries including France, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland and Sweden, he contends. In a *Boston Globe* review, **Deborah E. Lipstadt**, a professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University and author of "Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory," wrote: "For those unfamiliar with the theft, this book contains compelling details.... Chesnoff's survey demonstrates that the rogues' gallery of European thieves is international, containing portraits from virtually every country on the Continent."

• For more than a century, Britain and Russia struggled for power in the remote, unknown, hostile and mountainous part of the world that divided British India from the Russian Empire. **Karl E. Meyer**, a former reporter and editorial writer at *The New York Times*, former London bureau chief for *The Washington Post* and winner of a 1961 OPC citation, and **Shareen Blair Brysac**, a producer, writer and director of documentaries for CBS Reports, describe this historic duel in "Tournament of Shadows: The Great Game and the Race for Empire in Central Asia" [Washington, D.C.: A Cornelia and Michael Bessie Book/ Counterpoint]. In



Shareen Blair Brysac and Karl E. Meyer

researching the struggle for mastery of Central Asia from the 1820s to the present, the authors drew on newly declassified documents, studied archival records and scholarly works, and traveled through India, Pakistan, Nepal and the Silk Road cities of Western China. The *Financial Times* called the book "a treasure trove of anecdotes and original sources for the specialist, and a rollicking yarn for those new to the subject." In a *New York Times* review, **Jason Goodwin**, author of a history of the Ottoman Empire, wrote: "The risks of the Great Game were frightful. Native rulers...kept pits of man-eating insects. There were unspeakable physical challenges to overcome, from the highest mountains in the world, the severest winters and deserts, to a disease of the steppe that caused unappeasable itching of the testicles. Camels died, dogs died, people dropped like flies." The reviewer called the book "much more than a magisterial work of scholarship: it is an absorbing inquiry into men and motives that is one part le Carré, one part Indiana Jones."

• In "Unholy Wars: Afghanistan, America and International Terrorism" [Sterling, Virginia: Pluto Press], veteran Middle East correspondent **John K. Cooley** writes about current history in the

region where the Great Game was played. Russia's 1979 invasion of Afghanistan touched off U.S. and Muslim support for the Mujahedin's guerrilla war against the Soviets, contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union and hastened the end of the Cold War. But Cooley "looks at the downside of that momentous series of events," **Graham E. Fuller**, a former CIA executive, wrote in *The New York Times*. "He examines the widespread negative fallout that flowed directly, in his view, from the tragically shortsighted and flawed CIA policies on Afghanistan...the unleashing of militant Islamic fanaticism across the entire Muslim world, with dire results for most of its governments; the opening of the floodgates of narcotics from a now uncontrolled Afghan-Pakistani territory; regional anarchy and the criminalization of political structures across many of the new republics of the former Soviet Union; and, above all, the creation of an international cadre of Islamic terrorists whose actions continue

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